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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, RW, FR
SUBJECT: FRENCH MFA REVISES VIEWS OF U.S. RWANDA
- DEMARCHE

REF: (A) STATE 129926, (B) PARIS 12736,
(C) PARIS 12931

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2. IN THE COURSE OF A JUNE 8 MEETING ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT, WE MENTIONED THE RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT ON RWANDA TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (QUAI) DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS BERNADETTE LEFORT, TO REITERATE THAT THE REPORT DID NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE USG. WE NOTED THAT THE STRONG FRENCH REACTION TO OUR RWANDA DEMARCHE (REF B) HAD OCCASIONED A REVIEW OF ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON RWANDA AND THE THREAT POSED BY THE HUTUS IN ZAIRE, AND AGAIN STATED THAT OUR DEMARCHE HAD NOT LEVELED ANY ACCUSATIONS AT FRANCE.

3. LEFORT REPLIED THAT SHE WAS AWARE THAT WE HAD SPOKEN WITH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS DE LA SABLIERE AT A SOCIAL EVENT ABOUT THE NON-LINKAGE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT TO THE USG DEMARCHE (REF C). SHE SAID THAT THE QUAI AFRICA BUREAU SUBSEQUENTLY HAD CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE TIMING OF THE AFRICA WATCH REPORT AND THE QUAI'S DENIAL THEREOF, AS WELL AS THE WORDING OF THE USG DEMARCHE, AND NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS NO CAUSAL LINK BETWEEN THE THE AFRICA WATCH REPORT AND THE USG DEMARCHE. SHE SAID WE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF UNFORTUNATE TIMING, NOTING THAT THE WRITTEN FORM OF OUR DEMARCHE ARRIVED IN HER HANDS JUST AS THE FINISHING TOUCHES WERE BEING MADE TO THE QUAI SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL OF THE AFRICA WATCH REPORT.

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